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TWELVE-HOUR DAY

The president appeared at his first such efforts as the one that resulted in a White House conference of steel men to consider the abolition of the 12-hour day in their industry. There was an attempt to extend for the accomplishment of this one purpose the federal jurisdiction in ways that might embarrass local and individual initiative in the accomplishment of many other purposes. There was no question of action looking to political advantage. One of the statements at the meeting was that those now working 12 hours are almost wholly foreigners who will go far without a vote that their ambition is to make accumulation and return to the countries of their origin. It was a conference for voluntary cooperation in a domestic problem and not far removed in essential character from conferences for voluntary cooperative action in securing international better works of high importance.

UNITED STATES MAKES PAPER

At intervals the commerce department's bureau of standards has to operate its own miniature paper mill to make experiments of value to the bureau of printing and engraving, various other governmental agencies, and the American paper industry. For this work a certain amount of paper pulp is required. This is often produced from scrap or waste paper from the department of commerce and the bureau of standards itself. The paper produced as a result of the performance of some experiments is utilized by the bureau as mimeograph and tablet paper. In other words, the bureau uses waste by-products to produce by-product paper for its own use and saves the government a tidy sum every month.

In a few instances when the department of commerce has been without funds for mimeograph paper to be used in sending out census and other reports, the bureau of standards has operated its paper mill to meet the emergency. In these instances it has produced an unexcelled mimeograph paper which can also be used for pen and ink work.

MOVIES AND POPULAR EDUCATION

It is admitted that next to the press and the schools, the greatest educational force in the nation is the moving picture.

Mentalities, morals, the tastes, thoughts and ideals of the people, especially the younger generations, are formed by the movies.

Former Postmaster General Hays and former national chairman of the republican party, was selected at \$150,000 a year, as educational movie manager.

He was selected by the great syndicates that produce and control an industry that collects a billion a year from the people.

Mr. Hays has a Herculean job, and a Cyclopean responsibility—the moral character of the coming generation rests on his shoulders.

Without moral and legal restraint, organized producers, interested only in wringing millions out of their theaters, are a national menace.

A young nation, formed on free institutions and democratic ideals, must safeguard its rising generations from wholesale contamination.

The "Fatty" Arbuckle hotel debauch was only an incident.

Consider the wholesale advertising and showing of salacious pictures.

Take the advertisements in the daily press featuring a promised actress in "Pascination." An almost naked girl in a "play of Spanish passion."

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On the movie industry be saved from the greed of immoral exploitation?—Manufacturers.

MINING STABILITY

A stable government is the greatest blessing in the world. Government to be government must be supported. In early times, one of the great problems of government was to secure the funds upon which its continued operation could be supported. A tax gatherer of early times was more intensely hated than the tax gatherer of today, because and only because of the fact that he came in closer contact with the tax payer. The continually increasing cost of government, both national, state and municipal, continually adds to the burden the perplexities of tax raising agencies. The property or taxation of mines presents unusual difficulties, because of the fact that the greater part of the actual value of the mines has no present earning power. If taxes are to be based upon the ability to pay, then unproductive property having no earning power has no tax paying value. If all the property in any given tax paying unit is permanently unproductive, that tax paying unit will soon be forced to dissolution. Its assessment of taxes would quickly result in the sale of all of the property and its purchase by the tax paying unit which, having no means of securing further support, would be obliged to go out of business. If such tax paying unit should happen to be a whole state, that state would quickly be obliged to surrender its sovereignty because of its inability to maintain "a republican form of government," says Mining Congress Journal. The mining industry has always been the pioneer industry. In the central portions of the United States the inducement to settlement was the broad acres of fertile land, but to a large extent these lands remained without more than nominal value until the development of a mining industry which furnished larger freights for the railroads, induced railroad extension and the centers of population developed by the mining industry, which in turn furnished a market for the products of the farm. In its development stages the mining industry has a rule been generously treated by the tax paying power upon the well justified theory that the agency which created other tax paying property should be encouraged to the greatest extent. The application of this principle has been a potent factor in the development of many regions which otherwise would have remained without improvement. Increasing governmental expenses have in more recent days developed the belief that mineral reserves should be taxed upon the same basis as productive property of equal value. This theory might be applied with justice if each ton of coal in the ground is worth just as much as each other ton of coal. The fact is, however, that the ton of coal which is to be put upon the market to-

day has a definite value, while the ton of coal which is not to be mined for fifty years has only a theoretical value dependent entirely upon the conditions which may prevail when the period has elapsed during which that ton of coal has been waiting for a chance to get into the market. To assume that it now has a taxable value is to assume that it now has an available market. The coal reserves of the United States are estimated at about 3,000,000,000,000 tons. To give this coal a taxable value this year would be to assume that it should all be mined and marketed this year—an assumption entirely preposterous. These thoughts demonstrate most conclusively that the taxation upon mineral reserves should be made upon an entirely different basis than that applied to property which has an earning power either in the present or the immediate future and demonstrate the justice of applying an entirely different theory of taxation to these mineral reserves, the greatest value of which will only be obtained at that time when the economic life of the nation calls for their immediate use.

LINCOLN'S FIRST OFFICE

Postmaster General Hubert Work in an address before a local club in Springfield stated it is generally known that Abraham's first public office was that of postmaster. It was in 1833 under the administration of Andrew Jackson that he was appointed as postmaster of New Salem, Ill. Postmaster General Work also called attention to the fact that it was during Lincoln's term as president that two great postal activities were inaugurated. One was the introduction of the money order system, and the other was an agreement with foreign nations for a systematic and equitable handling of international mail. Both of these departments have become a very important part of the postal service today.

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